

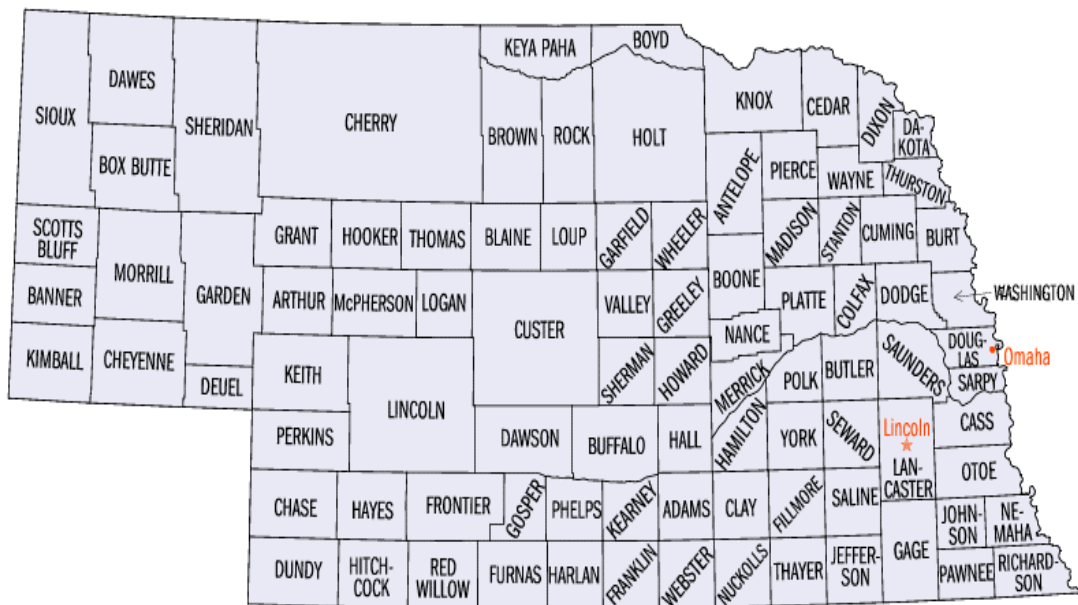
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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Lincoln, Nebraska

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics¹

- Population (2000 Census): 225,581
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 87.8% white; 3.0% black/African American; 0.6% American Indian/Alaska Native; 3.1% Asian; 0.1% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.1% other race; 1.7% two or more races; 3.6% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)
- Lincoln is located in Lancaster County.

Politics

- Mayor: Coleen Seng²
- City Council (District): Patte Newman (1), Jon Camp(2), Jonathon Cook (3), Annette McRoy (4), Terry Werner (at large), Ken Svoboda (at large), Glenn Friendt (at large)³
- Chief of Police: Thomas Casady⁴
- Lancaster County Sheriff: Terry Wagner⁵

Programs/Initiatives

- Methamphetamine Summit⁶
In May 2002, the Lincoln Police Department sponsored a Methamphetamine Summit to deal with the increasing number of problems caused by the drug in Lincoln. The event was attended by approximately 350 people, including city officials, professionals, law enforcement, school personnel, social service agencies, journalists, and the area medical community. The purpose of the Summit was to show that the entire community needs to be involved in stopping the methamphetamine problem in the area.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program⁷
Since FY 1998 when funding was first made available through Drug-Free Communities, only one coalition in Lincoln has received funding. In FY 2002, \$100,000 was awarded to Lincoln's Substance Abuse Action Team (SAAT) Prevention Coalition.
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed⁸
There are no Weed and Seed sites in Lincoln.
- Lincoln did not receive any funding through the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant Program.⁹
- Lincoln did not receive any methamphetamine funding in 2002 from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.¹⁰
- There were no recipients of the FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant in Lincoln.¹¹

- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) FY 2002 Discretionary Funds received in Lincoln:¹²
 - Center for Mental Health Services:
 - \$1,500,000 to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services; project period: 9/30/98-8/31/04
 - \$60,000 to the Mental Health Association of Nebraska; project period: 9/30/01-9/29/04
 - \$100,000 to the State of Nebraska; project period: 9/30/01-9/29/04
 - \$60,000 to United Voices for Change; project period: 9/30/01-9/29/04
 - Center for Substance Abuse Prevention:
 - \$2,944,950 to the Office of the Governor; project period: 9/30/01-9/29/04
 - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment:
 - \$100,000 to the State of Nebraska; project period: 9/30/02-9/29/05
- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts for Lincoln:¹³
 - \$8,034,376 in discretionary funds
 - \$12,718,766 in formula funds

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- The Lincoln Police Department's Narcotics Unit was involved in 93 Federal drug cases during 2002.¹⁴
- There were 1,197 arrests for marijuana possession in Lincoln during 2002. This is a 3% decrease from the 1,233 such arrests in 2001.¹⁵
- According to the Lincoln Police Department, methamphetamine was a driving force behind thousands of property crimes in the city during 2002. Methamphetamine was also directly involved in 2 of Lincoln's homicides during the year.¹⁶
- During 2002, there were 6 murders reported by the Lincoln Police Department.¹⁷

Number of Index Offenses Reported, Lincoln, 1998-2002

Offense	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Murder	9	9	3	6	6
Rape	103	80	100	86	97
Robbery	172	161	141	151	177
Aggravated assault	871	925	903	1,010	947
Burglary – residential	1,499	1,284	1,405	1,395	1,380
Burglary – commercial	453	551	509	510	584
Larceny-theft	10,349	9,641	10,260	11,061	11,005
Auto theft	465	488	483	563	513
Total	13,921	13,139	13,804	14,782	14,709

Drugs

- Cocaine
 - While powder cocaine is available throughout the state, crack is primarily available in Lincoln and Omaha. Law enforcement officials in Lincoln report high levels of crack abuse and moderate levels of powder cocaine abuse.¹⁸

- Heroin
Mexican black tar and brown powder heroin are available in limited quantities in Lincoln.¹⁹
- Marijuana
Cannabis is cultivated both indoors and outdoors in Lincoln.²⁰
- Methamphetamine
Methamphetamine is a large problem in Lincoln.²¹
- Club Drugs
The Lincoln Police Department reports that MDMA is popular among area college students.²²

Juveniles

- A 2001 survey of Lancaster County 9-12 grade students showed that 45% had used marijuana during their lifetimes. In 1991, approximately 34% of Lancaster County students reported lifetime marijuana use.²³

Percent of Students Reporting Lifetime Drug Use, Lancaster County, 1991-2001

Drug Type	1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2001
Marijuana	34.2%	26.1%	36.5%	41%	36.3%	45.3%
Cocaine	5.8	4.5	4.7	9.4	5.6	7.6
Inhalants	--	--	15.8	15.4	10.9	12.2
Injected illegal drug	21	14	18.9	23.6	--	--
Heroin	--	--	--	--	1.6	2.4
Methamphetamine	--	--	--	--	7.4	8
Steroids	3.2	3.2	3.3	2.4	2	2.1
Other illegal drug	21	14	18.9	23.6	--	--

- Nearly 25% of survey respondents in 2001 reported using marijuana at least once during the past month. In 1991, approximately 17% of Lancaster County students reported past month marijuana use.²⁴

Percent of Students Reporting Past Month Drug Use, Lancaster County, 1991-2001

Year	Marijuana	Cocaine
1991	17.3%	1.3%
1993	14.1	2.1
1995	22.5	2.1
1997	24.6	3.6
1999	18.3	1.7
2001	24.7	3.3

- Approximately 44% of Lancaster County students surveyed in 2001 who were marijuana users reported first using the substance at 13-14 years of age.²⁵

Age at First Use of Marijuana, Lancaster County, 1991-2001

Age	1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2001
8 and younger	4%	6%	4.1%	4.3%	1.9%	2.3%
9-10	6.0	2.1	3.4	3.3	4.3	3.8
11-12	10.4	12.1	13.2	13.5	15.5	14.5
13-14	40.0	30.8	34.1	38.0	45.8	44.3
15-16	34.0	37.8	37.6	37.7	26.9	31.9
17 and older	5.7	7.9	7.7	3.3	5.6	3.0

- Approximately 27% (26.8%) of female students and 31% of male students surveyed in 2001 reported being offered, sold, or given drugs on school property within the past year.²⁶

Enforcement

- Narcotics Unit²⁷
The Lincoln Police Department's Narcotics Unit is an interagency task force composed of 2 Lancaster County Sheriff's deputies and 14 Lincoln police officers.
- As of October 31, 2001, there were 410 full-time law enforcement employees in Lincoln (304 officers and 106 civilians).²⁸

Trafficking and Seizures

- Lincoln is one of the primary drug distribution centers in Nebraska.²⁹
- The following gangs distribute drugs in Lincoln: 18th Street, Bloods, Crips, Gangster Disciples, and Lomas 13. Some Asian gangs also distribute drugs in Lincoln.³⁰
- Powder cocaine is transported to Lincoln from transshipment points in Georgia and Florida. In 2001, Lincoln law enforcement authorities reported that powdered cocaine was concealed in the body cavities of live cattle that had been shipped to the state.³¹
- Law enforcement in Lincoln report that most of the crack seized in their area that has not been converted locally is transported from Omaha; Kansas City, Kansas; Kansas City, Missouri; and Chicago and Elgin, Illinois.³²
- MDMA sold in Lincoln is transported from Kansas City and Omaha.³³
- In 2002, there were 60 methamphetamine laboratory incidents in Lincoln and Lancaster County.³⁴
- The Lincoln Narcotics Unit seized drugs valued at \$1,585,798 during 2002. This is up from 2001, when drugs valued at \$1,066,998 were seized.³⁵
- The Narcotics Unit also seized property valued at \$58,979 in 2002. During 2001, property valued at \$70,764 was seized.³⁶

Courts

- Drug Courts³⁷
As of May 2003, there were two drug courts in Lincoln that were recently implemented (within the past two years). There were no additional drug courts in existence or being planned in Lincoln.

Treatment

- Lincoln's Bryanlgh Medical Center has 50 substance abuse treatment beds.³⁸

Licensed Treatment Facilities, Lincoln, July 2003

Facility Name	# of Beds
Antlers Center	16
Bryanlgh Medical Center	50
Center Pointe, Inc.	30
Cornhusker Place of Lincoln-Lancaster County	68
First Step Recovery Center	not available
Houses of Hope	11
Lincoln Valley Hope	not available
Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska	not available
St. Monica's Adolescent Girls Home	18
St. Monica's Home Therapeutic Community	15
St. Monica's Home Project Mother	18
The Recovery Center	not available
Touchstone	16
Women in Community Service Residence for Girls	4

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